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#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the Application of: Shuji YAMAOKA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2858

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CIRCUIT PATTERN INSPECTION APPARATUS AND CIRCUIT

PATTERN INSPECTION METHOD

Attorney Docket Number:

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38834

Date: May 15, 2006

# **AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

|                                                                 | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST<br>NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>EXTRA |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Total<br>(37 CFR 1.16(c))                                       | 51                                        | Minus | 54                                          | = 0              |  |
| Independent<br>(37 CFR 1.16(b))                                 | 4                                         | Minus | 3                                           | = 1              |  |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d)) |                                           |       |                                             |                  |  |

|                    | SMALL ENTITY |                        | OR                | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY |                        |
|--------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                    | RATE         | ADDI-<br>TIONAL<br>FEE |                   | RATE                    | ADDI-<br>TIONAL<br>FEE |
|                    | X \$25       |                        | OR                | X\$50                   | 0.00                   |
|                    | X \$100      |                        | OR                | X\$200                  | \$200.00               |
|                    | + \$180      |                        | OR                | + \$360                 | \$0.00                 |
| TOTAL<br>ADD'L FEE |              | А                      | TOTAL<br>DD'L FEE | \$200.00                |                        |

XX Enclosed please find our check in the amount of \$200.00 for the additional claims fee in connection with this Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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### AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.